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NOTIFICATION

No. 179-LA7/69. *Dated, Trivandrum, 13th January, 1969.*

The following Bill together with the Statement of Objects and Reasons and the Financial Memorandum is published, under Rule 67 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Kerala Legislative Assembly.

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Secretary,
Legislative Assembly.

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L. A. Bill No. 1 of 1969.

THE MADRAS PRESERVATION OF PRIVATE FORESTS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1969.

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further to amend the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, 1949.

Preamble.—WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, 1949, for the purpose hereinafter appearing;

BE it enacted in the Nineteenth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

1. *Short title.*—This Act may be called the Madras Preservation of Private Forests (Amendment) Act, 1969.

2. *Amendment of section 1.*—In sub-section (3) of section 1 of the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, 1949 (Madras Act XXVII of 1949), as in force in the Malabar District referred to in sub-section (2) of section 5 of the States Reorganisation Act, 1956 (Central Act 37 of 1956), for the figures, letters and word "31st December, 1968", the figures, letters and word "31st December, 1969 shall be substituted.

3. *Repeal and saving.*—(1) The Madras Preservation of Private Forests (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 1968 (8 of 1968), is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken under the Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, 1949 (Madras Act XXVII of 1949), as amended by the said Ordinance shall be deemed to have been done or taken under the said Act as amended by this Act as if this Act had come into force on the 30th day of December, 1968.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Madras Preservation of Private Forests Act, 1949 (Madras Act XXVII of 1949), which is in force in the Malabar area of the State, provides for the prevention of indiscriminate destruction of private forests and interference with customary and prescriptive rights therein. The period of operation of the Act was due to expire on the 31st December, 1968. It was considered necessary to extend the term of the Act for a further period of one year. As the Legislative Assembly was not in session, the period was extended by an Ordinance promulgated by the Governor on the 30th December, 1968 and published in a Gazette Extraordinary of the same date as Ordinance No. 8 of 1968. The Bill seeks to replace the Ordinance by an Act of the Legislature.

FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM

The Bill if enacted and brought into operation would not involve any expenditure from the Consolidated Fund of the State.

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